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CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

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- Only part of the claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid,
namely claims:
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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions,

namely:

1. Claims: 1-12: ("A funneling tool for ...")
2. Claims: 19-25: ("A body implantable ...
electrode ...")

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A	<p>CORPORATION)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Figure 1; abstract; column 1, lines 1-13; column 2, lines 15-32; column 5, lines 4-11; column 8, lines 20-27; claims 1,20 * <p>-----</p> <p><u>DE - A - 2 929 233</u> (MEDTRONIC INC.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fig. 1; claims 1,3,5; page 13, line 6 - page 16, line 15 * <p>-----</p>		
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